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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Mike O'Grady on his
4 retirement as Director of Grounds and Fleet Operations at
5 Illinois State University in Normal; and

6 WHEREAS, He oversees exterior maintenance of the 450 acre
7 campus and has served the University for over 36 years; he
8 began his profession at Illinois State as a grounds worker and
9 has served in a number of leadership roles over the years,
10 including the past 13 years as the Director of Grounds; and

11 WHEREAS, Under his leadership the Illinois State campus has
12 been awarded 8 national and 6 local awards for campus beauty
13 and the department's maintenance program; in 2008, Illinois
14 State was named the first University in the State of Illinois
15 to be awarded the designation of Tree Campus USA by the Arbor
16 Day Foundation, an award it has continued to receive every year
17 since; and

18 WHEREAS, Over the past several years, he has introduced a
19 number of environmentally sustainable practices to campus,
20 including ultra-thin concrete white-topping in parking lots,
21 permeable concrete, bio-swale installations to aid in storm
22 water management, rain gardens, "no mow zones", and most

1 recently the beginning of the development of an Oak Savanna
2 Restoration project next to the new Cardinal Court Complex; and

3 WHEREAS, He assisted in seeking grants that would be used
4 to create the community's first food waste composting program,
5 diverting over one million pounds of food waste from the area
6 landfill in the first year; he has also helped to create the
7 campus's biodiesel program that uses cooking oil from the
8 campus dining areas to run vehicles on the campus; almost 6,000
9 gallons of cooking oil is being developed into biodiesel on an
10 annual basis; and

11 WHEREAS, He was a 2011 recipient of Governor Quinn's Green
12 Government award for his sustainable efforts on the campus; he
13 is the Past President of the Civil Service Counsel and
14 currently serves on the Athletics' Wiesbecker Scholarship
15 Advisor Board, and serves as Chair of the Redbird Pride
16 Committee; and

17 WHEREAS, He is a graduate of the Leadership McLean County
18 program and has served on various boards in the community,
19 including the Bloomington-Normal Boy and Girls Club, the Mclean
20 County Extension Foundation, and Leadership McLean County; and

21 WHEREAS, He also serves as the Township Supervisor of
22 Hudson Township; he and his wife, Connie, have 2 children,

1 Brandon and Jamie and live in Hudson; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
3 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
4 we wish Mike O'Grady the best in his retirement and all the
5 best in his future endeavors; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to Mike O'Grady as a symbol of our respect and
8 esteem.